

SOUTH FLORIDA SECTION 1226

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In September of 2012 the NCSLI International 1200 Southeastern Division opened the "South Florida Section 1226," a brand new section. We held our first event on September 13, 2012 at Quality Systems Labs in Boca Raton, FL. The event was sponsored by Ed Brown, Quality Systems Laboratory Managing Director, and South Florida Section co-chair along with the new South Florida Section coordinator, Randy Farmer, Biotest Pharmaceuticals. Event

sponsorship was also supported by Jeff Stevens of Southern Marketing Associates and Bob Smallwood from Fluke Calibration.

The initial meeting focused on an introduction of the NCSLI organization, establishing a section 1226 core group, discussion of future events and training topics. Training was given on "Intro to Measurement" as well as "Metrology 101". Fluke provided additional training in electronics and uncertainties associated with electronic standards.

The mixed quality and metrology participants were active and engaged in the training topics and enjoyed the provided tour of a 17025 accredited lab as well as mini work station lectures for several measurement disciplines. The catered lunch provided by QSL ensured that everyone had a chance to enjoy themselves in a no-stress no pressure

environment that encouraged questions and promoted networking.

The next event is planned for the spring with an April timeline, and will build upon the work station concept that we introduced during the first event. The plans are to get participants actively involved in taking real time measurements with actual field and lab training standards. The event will also provide a round robin discussion topic format as well as a structured presentation on "Certificates of Calibration."

We anticipate another great turnout and encourage everyone to follow the NCSLI website, and Facebook page, for updated information pertaining to the next event.

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South Florida Meeting.